

TALKING POINTS FOR GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR
THE GOPCOMBACK.COM FOLLOW-UP SCRIPT
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BACKGROUND:

Governor –

5,000 people responded our initial GOPCOMEBACK.com push after Jindal's Republican Response. Nick has asked if you can tape a follow-up message to these individuals that they can send as a response to keep them engaged and the momentum going.

If you are willing and we can tape in your office Nick would like to see if you would be willing to tape a message every 12-14 days and start serving as the official spokesperson for the RGA effort. Below are some suggested talking points from the RGA press folks about what to say tomorrow. It is not a script and should flow like the last message you taped. Thanks and please let me know if you need anything.

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SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FROM RGA:

- * Thank you for signing up to support the Republican Governors Association as we kick-start the GOP's Comeback.
- * The need for strong Republican leadership has never been more clear. President Obama just unveiled his latest bloated spending bill which creates trillion dollar deficits with no end in sight.
- * Governors know firsthand that economic prosperity doesn't come from massive increases in the size of government and unsustainable spending. No. Instead, governors balance budgets and keep taxes low to grow the economies in their states.
- * You can help the RGA show President Obama and the Democrats that the Republican governors' path is the right one by helping elect Republicans governor in Virginia and New Jersey this year.
- * Virginia and New Jersey are the only major races in the country this year and both are pick-up opportunities for Republicans.
- * In Virginia, we have a strong candidate in Attorney General Bob McDonnell. Bob is currently leading all his potential opponents but his path won't be easy. One democratic candidate, Clinton pal Terry McAuliffe, is reported to be able spend \$80 million buying the governor's office.

* In New Jersey, citizens have the heaviest tax burden in the country and they are ready for change. The most recent polls show Corzine losing this race but he has spent more than \$120 million in the past buying his way into public office and will do whatever it takes to distract from his failed record as governor.

* We can win both these races with your help. I hope you will encourage your friends to sign-up to support the Republican Governors Association and if you can, make a contribution. Victory in Virginia and New Jersey would send a major signal to the White House and the free-spending Democrats in Congress that Americans won't accept the out of control spending.